

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5**

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**SUBJECT:** Reports of Significant Developments and Activities  
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The activities listed below are organized by site-specific activities, other significant developments, and training/conferences:

**SITE-SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES**

**Settlement, Royal Food Products, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana**

On May 15, 2002, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Office of Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention (OCEPP) and Royal Food Products, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana, entered into an agreement to resolve violations of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). Royal Food Products, Inc., will pay a civil penalty of \$31,557.78 (\$5,362.76 to the Superfund and \$26,195.02 to the U.S. Treasury). The complaint proposed a \$61,115.56 penalty for failing to immediately notify the National Response Center (NRC), Indiana State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), and Marion County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) of a release of 1,050 pounds of ammonia which occurred on July 8, 2000, and for failing to submit a written follow-up report to the SERC and LEPC as soon as practicable after the release.

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**Proposed Plan Public Meeting, O'Hare Air Reserve Station,  
Chicago, Illinois**

On May 2, 2002, Remedial Project Manager (RPM) Craig Thomas attended a public meeting to discuss the Air Force's proposed remedial action at the Former O'Hare Air Reserve Station. The O'Hare Air Reserve Station is a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) 95 installation. Environmental Investigations lead to removal actions at 8 sites. Institutional controls have been recommended in the proposed plan to restrict future land use to industrial/commercial reuse, and to prohibit groundwater use. The public comment began on April 26, 2002, and closes on May 25, 2002.

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**Reuse Meeting, HOD Landfill Superfund Site, Antioch, Illinois**

On March 28, May 10, and May 17, 2002, a reuse team consisting of Region 5's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative (SRI) Program Coordinator (Thomas Bloom) and consultants from U.S. EPA's SRI Program office met with local stakeholders and sponsors of redevelopment at the HOD Landfill Superfund site in Antioch, Illinois. The SRI Program and the stakeholder process was explained to redevelopment sponsors from the Village of Antioch, the Township of Antioch, and the Antioch School District who were very excited to join the reuse team, implement the stakeholder process, assist with community outreach, and develop a Reuse Plan for the HOD Landfill Superfund site. Members of U.S. EPA's reuse team include Mike Hancox, a Real Estate Expert from E2 Inc.; Julie Bargmann, a Landscape Architect from the University of Virginia; Karen Irish, a Manager from the U.S. Soccer Foundation; Rich Cooke, a sports Field Specialist from Sports Green; and, Frank Dukes, Director of the Institute of Environmental Negotiations at the University of Virginia. Members of the reuse team from Antioch have a vision that the HOD Landfill area, which is located east of downtown, west of a residential neighborhood, north of the high school, and south of a new housing development, could become a multi-use recreational facility used not only by the citizens of Antioch but also by surrounding communities.

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**OTHER SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS**

**Tier 2 Submit Program Adoption, Illinois State Emergency Response Commission**

Responding to technical support initiatives from Office of Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention (OCEPP) staff and after an in-depth study of their own, the Illinois State Emergency Response Commission acting through the Illinois Emergency Management Agency has adopted the Tier 2 Submit program. Tier 2 Submit is a U.S. EPA initiative that allows States to accept annual electronic submissions of mandated Tier 2 data for facilities with significant inventories of hazardous materials. Illinois will archive State databases of previous submittals in order to maintain the historical record and will maintain future data in the Tier 2 Submit format. The State is in the process of manually re-entering the Year 2001 data. When completed, this data will be available to Local Emergency Planning Committees and Fire Departments throughout the State for entry into the "*Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations*" program for emergency planning and response. In the future, local entities will no longer be tasked with data entry, but will receive the data through internet download.

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**Meeting, Kenosha Revolving Loan Fund, Kenosha, Wisconsin**

On May 20, 2002, Laura Ripley, Joseph Dufficy, and Suzanne Coll met with the City of Kenosha to discuss their newly received \$1,000,000 U.S. EPA Brownfields Cleanup and Revolving Loan Fund (BCRLF) which was announced by Governor Whitman on Friday, May 3, 2002. Kenosha intends to use their U.S. EPA BCRLF to pay for a portion of the cleanup at the American Brass Foundry site/Outokumpu Copper property which was used to manufacture valves and plumbing fittings until it was closed 2 years ago. Outokumpu and previous owner BP/ARCO have pledged \$6,000,000 to this project and the City of Kenosha has pledged an additional \$4,000,000, which will likely come from the tax incremental financing district which has been created. Demolition at the now vacant 29-acre site is likely to begin on July 1, 2002. Oversight of the cleanup of the property will take place in the context of the State of Wisconsin's Remediation and Redevelopment Program. Kenosha will be seeking community input throughout the cleanup and in the redevelopment planning process. Several representatives from Kenosha and representatives of the Wisconsin Department of

Natural Resources were in attendance.

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### **TRAINING/CONFERENCES**

#### **U.S. EPA Science Forum 2002, Fully Integrated Environmental Location Decision Support Team Presentation, Washington, D.C.**

On May 1 and 2, 2002, the Fully Integrated Environmental Location Decision Support (FIELDS) Team members demonstrated the FIELDS remediation software at the first U.S. EPA Science Forum 2002 Conference in Washington, D.C. Brian Cooper, Chuck Roth, and John Bing-Canar gave demonstrations of the software in the Innovative Technology Room during the event. The focus of the two-day conference was the role of science in meeting present environmental challenges.

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#### **Fully Integrated Environmental Location Decision Support Team Participation, Earth Day Festival, Chicago, Illinois**

On April 20, 2002, the Fully Integrated Environmental Location Decision Support (FIELDS) Team participated in the Earth Day Festival held in Lincoln Park by creating an interpretive program for 3rd-6th graders. FIELDS members Chuck Roth, Mira Chokshi, Jay Chen, Larry Callant, Terrance Patterson, and Ginger Lukowski demonstrated the environmental sampling process with the use of the global positioning system (GPS). The demonstration included sample collection, safety, and data analysis. An estimated 50 children participated in the activity.

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#### **Region 5 Superfund Redevelopment Initiative Program**

**Presentation, 2002 Economic Development Administration Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois**

On May 9, 2002, U.S. EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative (SRI) Program Coordinator (Thomas Bloom) presented information regarding the National SRI Program to members and guests of the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). U.S. EPA's SRI Program grants funding to local governments with National Priority List (NPL) and NPL-equivalent sites to procure consultants were explained. The consultants conduct community outreach activities to determine the reasonably anticipated future land use and to discuss conceptual designs for reuse of the site. The final product is a Reuse Plan and Market Analysis which is coordinated with all stakeholders and reuse sponsors, integrates site cleanup strategies with potential reuse options, determines the marketability of certain types of reuse, and identifies opportunities and advantages to certain types of reuse. Also explained at the 2002 EDA Conference was specific information regarding the SRI Program's partnership with two other presenters: City of Chicago, Department of Environment at the Lake Calumet Cluster sites; and, the St. Lawrence Economic Development Corporation at the South Point Plant site, South Point, Ohio.

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**Meeting, Michigan State Emergency Response Commission, Lansing, Michigan**

On May 14, 2002, Glenn Cekus represented the U.S. EPA Region 5 Office of Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention (OCEPP) at the Michigan State Emergency Response Commission meeting which was held in the Michigan Emergency Operations Center, in Lansing. Chairman John Ort reported on State efforts to plan for response to terrorist attacks. The point was made that local contingency plans are likely to be updated with an annex addressing this area. Other presentations focused on Department of Environmental Quality activities and trying to energize Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs). Glenn Cekus provided a briefing on the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) law and its requirement to conduct emergency planning for transportation related accidents/releases involving hazardous materials and extremely hazardous substances. This has been a point of controversy with the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) since the early days of the EPCRA law. Glenn Cekus

provided information on the requirement for transportation planning as found in Sec. 303 of EPCRA, the interpretation found in U.S. EPA "Question and Answer" publications regarding EPCRA, the information found in EPCRA planning guidance NRT-1, and the method explained in the "Technical Guide to Hazard Analysis." He also related the Minnesota SERC experience in securing U.S. EPA and Department of Transportation (DOT) grant funds to conduct transportation commodity flow studies of hazardous materials. The studies are used as a planning tool in Minnesota for the completion on the EPCRA section in State All Hazard plans.

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**National Superfund Redevelopment Pilot Conference, Dallas, Texas**

U.S. EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative (SRI) Program sponsored a conference for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> round Superfund Redevelopment Initiative Pilots and 3<sup>rd</sup> round SRI Pilot candidates. Beginning on April 23, 2002, and continuing through April 25, 2002, representatives from 50 local governments with National Priorities List (NPL) or NPL-equivalent sites met with U.S. EPA Remedial Project Managers (RPMs), Community Involvement Coordinators (CICs), Redevelopers, Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs), SRI Program Partners, and Regional Coordinators to discuss the U.S. EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative Program. Plenary presentations on the SRI Program were made by Steve Luftig, Revitalization Advisor from U.S. EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) and Melissa Friedland, Pilot and External Communications Director from OSWER. A presentation regarding the Superfund Process made by Tom Bloom, Region 5 SRI Coordinator, was followed by breakout discussion groups regarding a variety of topics, such as Stakeholder Involvement, Working with PRPs, Commercial/Industrial/- Recreational/Ecological Redevelopment, and Life After a Completed Reuse Plan. Many SRI Conference participants wished for more time to discuss the interesting reuse topics presented at the SRI Program Conference. Other non-profit organizations and private firms with a role and an interest in the reuse of areas contaminated by Superfund sites also sent representatives or provided exhibits.

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